

# St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church Digital Bulletin

# Join us at 8:15 a.m. on April 4<sup>th</sup> for the Sunday of the Ladder of Divine Ascent

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We encourage you to send in prayer requests online. We humbly ask that you continue lighting candles and tray donations as you normally would when coming to Church. If you would like the Church to light a candle for you for this service so that Fr. Dimitri can read the names of your loved ones at the Holy Altar, please click on the image below:



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Sunday, April 11, 2021

Saints and Feasts:

- ◇ Sunday of St. John Climacus
- ◇ Guthlac the Hermit of Crowland
- ◇ Antipas, Bishop of Pergamum
- ◇ Pharmuthios the Anchorite

Seest thou how He now proceeds to lay beforehand in them the foundation of His doctrine about fasting? ... See, at any rate, how many blessings spring from them both. For he that is praying as he ought, and fasting, hath not many wants, and he that hath not many wants, cannot be covetous; ..... he that is not covetous, will be also more disposed for almsgiving. He that fasts is light, and winged, and prays with wakefulness, and quenches his wicked lusts, and propitiates God, and humbles his soul when lifted up. Therefore even the apostles were almost always fasting.

**St. John Chrysostom**

*Homily 57 on Matthew 17,4,5. B#54, pp.355,356., 4th Century*

**Narthex Duty:**

**Welcoming Ministry:** NA during Covid

**Orthros Reader:** NA during Covid

**Memorial:**

## Communion Guidelines:

As a reminder, only Baptized and Chrismated Orthodox Christians may receive Holy Communion. Follow the Ushers row by row and please exit towards the outside aisles.



# Sunday of the St. John Climacus

The memory of this Saint is celebrated on March 30, where his biography may be found. He is celebrated today because his book, *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*, is a sure guide to the ascetic life, written by a great man of prayer experienced in all forms of the monastic polity; it teaches the seeker after salvation how to lay a sound foundation for his struggles, how to detect and war against each of the passions, how to avoid the snares laid by the demons, and how to rise from the rudimental virtues to the heights of Godlike love and humility. It is held in such high esteem that it is universally read in its entirety in monasteries during the Great Fast.



Do you work in the city of Chicago?  
Would you like to attend Weekday Liturgies but cannot because of Work? Join us at St. Basil.  
6:30 AM

## April

**Fridays During Great Lent:** Pre-Sanctified Liturgy

**April 29:** Vespertal Liturgy of the Mystical Supper

Patronal Feasts for the Chicago parishes will not be celebrated at St. Basil  
Please check the [St. Basil website calendar](#) for updates to above schedule Liturgies are  
Livestreamed on the [St. Basil Facebook Page](#)

# Hymns of the Day After the Small Entrance

## Resurrectional Apolytikion

3<sup>rd</sup> Tone

Come rejoice all ye Heavens and be glad all ye on earth. For by His power the Lord created might, by His death He conquered death. For He became the first-born of the dead. From the depths of Hades He delivered us, and He granted to mankind His great mercy.

## Απολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον

Ἦχος γ'

Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιάσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος, ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος, ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον, πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο, ἐκ κοιλίας ἄδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

## Apolytikion for Sun. of St. John

Climacus

Plagal of the 4<sup>th</sup> Tone

With the streams of thy tears, thou didst cultivate the barrenness of the desert; and by thy sighings from the depths, thou didst bear fruit a hundredfold in labours; and thou becamest a luminary, shining with miracles upon the world, O John our righteous Father. Intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

## Απολυτίκιον

Ἦχος πλ. δ'

Ταῖς τῶν δακρύων σου ροαῖς, τῆς ἐρήμου τὸ ἄγονον ἐγεώργησας, καὶ τοῖς ἐκ βάθους στεναγμοῖς, εἰς ἑκατὸν τοὺς πόνους ἐκαρποφόρησας, καὶ γέγονας φωστήρ, τῇ οἰκουμένη λάμπων τοῖς θαύμασι, Ἰωάννη Πατὴρ ἡμῶν, Ὅσιε, Πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

## Apolytikion for the Church

1<sup>st</sup> Tone

Your proclamation went forth into all the earth, for it accepted your word, through which you taught the dogmas befitting God, you expounded on the nature of all that is, and you arranged the morals of society. A royal priesthood! Devout father Basil, intercede with Christ our God, to grant us His great mercy.

## Απολυτίκιον τοῦ Ναοῦ

Ἦχος α'

Εἰς πᾶσαν τὴν γῆν ἐξῆλθεν ὁ φθόγγος σου, ὡς δεξαμένην τὸν λόγον σου, δι' οὗ θεοπρεπῶς ἐδογματίσας, τὴν φύσιν τῶν ὄντων ἐτράνωσας, τὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἦθη κατεκόσμησας, Βασίλειον Ἱεράτευμα, Πάτερ Ὅσιε, Χριστὸν τὸν Θεὸν ἰκέτευε, δωρήσασθαι ἡμῖν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

## Kontakion

Plagal of the 4<sup>th</sup> Tone

- O Champion General, I your City now inscribe to you
- Triumphant anthems as the tokens of my gratitude,
- Being rescued from the terrors, O Theotokos.
- Inasmuch as you have power unassailable,
- From all kinds of perils free me, so that unto you
- I may cry aloud: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride.

## Κοντάκιον

Ἦχος πλ. δ'

- Τῇ ὑπερμάχῳ στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια,
- ὡς λυτρωθεῖσα τῶν δεινῶν εὐχαριστήρια,
- ἀναγράφῃ σοὶ ἡ Πόλις σου Θεοτόκε,
- Ἀλλ' ὡς ἔχουσα τὸ κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον,
- ἐκ παντοίων μὲ κινδύνων ἐλευθέρωσον, ἦ
- να κράζω σοί, Χαῖρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.





## Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ / THE EPISTLE

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 6:13-20

Πρὸς Ἑβραίους 6:13-20 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

BRETHREN, when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore to himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by a greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he interposed with an oath, so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

Ἀδελφοί, τῷ Ἀβραάμ ἐπαγγειλάμενος ὁ θεός, ἐπεὶ κατ' οὐδενὸς εἶχεν μείζονος ὁμόσαι, ὥμοσεν καθ' ἑαυτοῦ, λέγων, Ἡ μὴν εὐλογῶν εὐλογήσω σε, καὶ πληθύνων πληθυνῶ σε. Καὶ οὕτως μακροθυμήσας ἐπέτυχεν τῆς ἐπαγγελίας. Ἄνθρωποι μὲν γὰρ κατὰ τοῦ μείζονος ὁμνύουσιν, καὶ πάσης αὐτοῖς ἀντιλογίας πέρας εἰς βεβαίωσιν ὁ ὅρκος. Ἐν ᾧ περισσότερον βουλόμενος ὁ θεὸς ἐπιδεῖξαι τοῖς κληρονόμοις τῆς ἐπαγγελίας τὸ ἀμετάθετον τῆς βουλῆς αὐτοῦ, ἐμεσίτευσεν ὅρκῳ, ἵνα διὰ δύο πραγμάτων ἀμεταθέτων, ἐν οἷς ἀδύνατον ψεύσασθαι θεόν, ἰσχυρὰν παράκλησιν ἔχωμεν οἱ καταφυγόντες κρατῆσαι τῆς προκειμένης ἐλπίδος· ἦν ὡς ἄγκυραν ἔχομεν τῆς ψυχῆς ἀσφαλῆ τε καὶ βεβαίαν, καὶ εἰσερχομένην εἰς τὸ ἐσώτερον τοῦ καταπετάσματος· ὅπου πρόδρομος ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν εἰσῆλθεν Ἰησοῦς, κατὰ τὴν τάξιν Μελχισεδέκ ἀρχιερεὺς γενόμενος εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα.



# ΤΟ ΘΕΙΟΝ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ / THE HOLY GOSPEL

**Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Μάρκον 9:17-31  
Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα**

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἄνθρωπός τις προσῆλθε τῷ Ἰησοῦ λέγων, διδάσκαλε, ἤνεγκα τὸν υἱόν μου πρὸς σε, ἔχοντα πνεῦμα ἄλαλον. καὶ ὅπου ἂν αὐτὸν καταλάβῃ, ῥήσσει αὐτόν, καὶ ἀφρίζει καὶ τρίζει τοὺς ὀδόντας αὐτοῦ, καὶ ξηραίνεται· καὶ εἶπον τοῖς μαθηταῖς σου ἵνα αὐτὸ ἐκβάλωσι, καὶ οὐκ ἴσχυσαν. ὁ δὲ ἀποκριθεὶς αὐτῷ λέγει· ὦ γενεὰ ἄπιστος, ἕως πότε πρὸς ὑμᾶς ἔσομαι; ἕως πότε ἀνέξομαι ὑμῶν; φέρετε αὐτὸν πρὸς με. καὶ ἤνεγκαν αὐτὸν πρὸς αὐτόν. καὶ ἰδὼν αὐτὸν εὐθέως τὸ πνεῦμα ἐσπάραξεν αὐτόν, καὶ πεσὼν ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς ἐκυλίετο ἀφρίζων. καὶ ἐπηρώτησε τὸν πατέρα αὐτοῦ· πόσος χρόνος ἐστὶν ὡς τοῦτο γέγονεν αὐτῷ; ὁ δὲ εἶπε· παιδιόθεν. καὶ πολλάκις αὐτὸν καὶ εἰς πῦρ ἔβαλε καὶ εἰς ὕδατα, ἵνα ἀπολέσῃ αὐτόν· ἀλλ' εἴ τι δύνασαι, βοήθησον ἡμῖν σπλαγχνισθεὶς ἐφ' ἡμᾶς. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτῷ τὸ εἰ δύνασαι πιστεῦσαι, πάντα δυνατὰ τῷ πιστεύοντι. καὶ εὐθέως κράζας ὁ πατήρ τοῦ παιδιοῦ μετὰ δακρύων ἔλεγε· πιστεύω, κύριε· βοήθει μου τῇ ἀπιστίᾳ. ἰδὼν δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὅτι ἐπισυντρέχει ὄχλος, ἐπετίμησε τῷ πνεύματι τῷ ἀκαθάρτῳ λέγων αὐτῷ· τὸ πνεῦμα τὸ ἄλαλον καὶ κωφόν, ἐγὼ σοι ἐπιτάσσω, ἔξελθε ἐξ αὐτοῦ καὶ μηκέτι εἰσέλθῃς εἰς αὐτόν. καὶ κράζαν καὶ πολλὰ σπαράζαν αὐτόν ἐξῆλθε, καὶ ἐγένετο ὥσει νεκρός, ὥστε πολλοὺς λέγειν ὅτι ἀπέθανεν. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς κρατήσας αὐτόν τῆς χειρὸς ἤγειρεν αὐτόν, καὶ ἀνέστη. Καὶ εἰσελθόντα αὐτόν εἰς οἶκον οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ ἐπηρώτων αὐτόν κατ' ἰδίαν, ὅτι ἡμεῖς οὐκ ἠδυνήθημεν ἐκβαλεῖν αὐτό. καὶ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· τοῦτο τὸ γένος ἐν οὐδενὶ δύναται ἐξελθεῖν εἰ μὴ ἐν προσευχῇ καὶ νηστείᾳ. Καὶ ἐκεῖθεν ἐξελθόντες παρεπορεύοντο διὰ τῆς Γαλιλαίας, καὶ οὐκ ᾔθελεν ἵνα τις γνῶ· ἐδίδασκε γὰρ τοὺς μαθητὰς αὐτοῦ καὶ ἔλεγεν αὐτοῖς ὅτι ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου παραδίδοται εἰς χεῖρας ἀνθρώπων, καὶ ἀποκτενοῦσιν αὐτόν, καὶ ἀποκτανθεὶς τῇ τρίτῃ ἡμέρᾳ ἀναστήσεται.

**The Gospel According to  
Mark 9:17-31**

At that time, a man came to Jesus kneeling and saying: "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit; and wherever it seizes him it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him; and when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you can do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he would not have any one know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he will rise."

# DONATIONS for GREAT LENT & PASCHAL SEASON 2021

## GREAT LENT:

Flowers for Icon of the Panagia on Fridays

1<sup>st</sup> Salutations/Χαιρετισμοί - *donated*

2<sup>nd</sup> Salutations/Χαιρετισμοί - *donated*

3<sup>rd</sup> Salutations/Χαιρετισμοί - *donated*

4<sup>th</sup> Salutations/Χαιρετισμοί - *donated*

Akathist Hymn/Ακάθιστος Ύμνος - *donated*

- ♦ Flowers for Stavroproskyniseos (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday) - *donated*
- ♦ Bottles or Cases of Nama Wine
- ♦ Incense for Great Lent - *donated*
- ♦ Flowers for Icon of Palm Sunday - *donated*
- ♦ Palms & Daphne for Palm Sunday - *donated*



## HOLY WEEK:

- ♦ Flowers for Icon of Nymphios —*donated*
- ♦ **Extra Virgin Olive Oil for Holy Unction**
- ♦ **Flour for Holy Unction**
- ♦ Seven Candles for Holy Unction—*donated*
- ♦ Flowers for Icon of Mystical Supper - *donated*
- ♦ Flowers for Icon of Crucifixion - *donated*
- ♦ Candles for the Holy Cross - *donated*
- ♦ 12 Candles for the Twelve Holy Gospels - *donated*
- ♦ Stefani-Stavromenon (Flowered Wreath) Holy Thursday - *donated*
- ♦ **White Sheet for Body of Christ - 1 queen flat needed**
- ♦ Flowers for Decorating the Epitafios - *donated*
- ♦ Epitafios Roses for the Faithful - *donated*
- ♦ Rose Water & Rose Petals Holy Friday - *donated*
- ♦ Rose Petals for Holy Saturday Morning - *donated*
- ♦ Clergy Resurrection/Anastasi Candle - *donated*
- ♦ Flowers for Icons of the Resurrection —*donated*

## GREAT & HOLY PASCHA (5.02.21):

- ♦ Paschal Easter Lilies for Anastasi - *donated*
- ♦ Eggs for Holy Pascha —*donated*
- ♦ Tulle & Ribbon for Paschal Eggs —*donated*

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# OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2021

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

SUNDAYS		THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
4th Sunday of Lent <b>APRIL 11th</b>		<b>ST JOHN of the LADDER</b> Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5th Sunday of Lent <b>APRIL 18th</b>		<b>ST MARY of EGYPT</b> Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY! <b>APRIL 25th</b> GREAT WEEK BEGINS		..... <b>GREAT AND HOLY WEEK</b> <b>ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM</b> Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY <b>APRIL 30th</b>		<b>GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY</b> <b>JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS</b> CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! <b>MAY 2nd</b> NO FASTING!		..... <b>BRIGHT WEEK</b> <b>HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!)</b> Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!



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# *Lenten Services*



## GREAT COMPLINE

Mondays: 6:00 p.m.

March 15, 22, 29 & April 5, 12



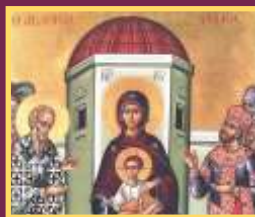
## LITURGY OF THE PRE-SANCTIFIED GIFTS

Wednesdays 5:30 p.m.

March 17, 31 & April 7, 14

Fridays 6:30 a.m.

March 19, 26 & April 2, 9, 16



## SALUTATIONS TO THE THEOTOKOS (THE AKATHIST HYMN)

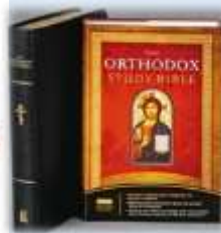
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# ONLINE BIBLE STUDY



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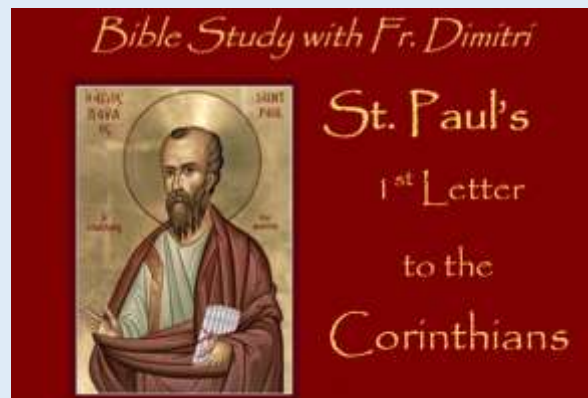


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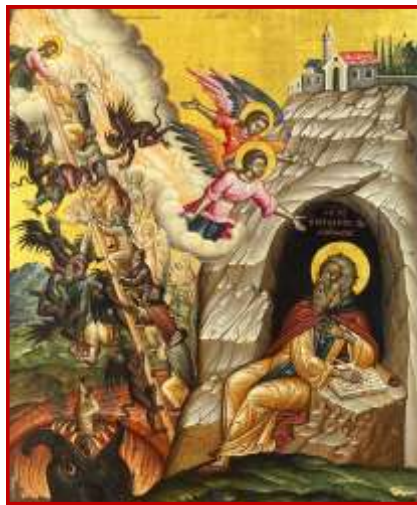
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# The Metropolis of Chicago presents Bishop Athenagoras of Merene

With the blessing of Metropolitan Nathanael of Chicago, we offer 4 lectures in Spanish by His Grace Bishop Athenagoras of Merene.



## **1. Basics of the Orthodox Life**

At Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church in Justice, IL  
Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

## **2. The Triodion and Great Lent**

At St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church in Chicago, IL  
Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

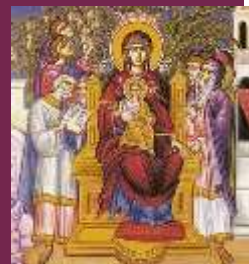


## **3. Holy Week and Pascha.**

At St. Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church in Palatine, IL  
Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

## **4. The All Holy Theotokos. (Guadalupe, Fatima, Caridad del cobre...) vs. María**

At St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Oak Lawn, IL  
Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021—5:00 p.m.



[CLICK HERE FOR YOUTUBE PLAYLIST OF LECTURES](#)

# SAVE THE DATE

## JULY 14, 2021

### St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church Golf Outing



Odyssey Country Club  
19110 S Ridgeland Ave.  
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#### **\$135 Includes:**

18 Holes of Golf  
Breakfast  
Lunch  
Dinner  
Open Bar

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# Metropolis Outreach



## CARE KITS

In a one-gallon Ziploc bag include:

- Toothbrush + Paste
- Sanitary Wipes
- Body Soap
- Deodorant
- Feminine Products
- Water
- Granola Bar

## WINTER KITS

In a one-gallon Ziploc bag include:

- Toothbrush + Paste
- Body Soap
- Deodorant
- Handwarmers
- Winter Gloves
- Socks
- Winter Hats

## DINNER BAGS

In a large reusable or paper bag include:

- Pasta/Rice/Lentils – 2lbs.
- Instant Potatoes – 1 box
- Cereal/Oatmeal – 1box
- Crackers – 1 box
- Broth – 32 oz.
- Canned Vegetables – 2 cans
- Canned Meat/Fish or Beans – 2 cans
- Peanut Butter – 16 oz.
- Fruit Jam – 18 oz.
- Pasta Sauce – 16 oz.
- Cooking Oil – 24 oz.
- Nuts/Granola Bars – 1 pack
- Canned Soup/Chili – optional
- Powdered Milk - optional

## COVID KITS

In a one-gallon Ziploc bag include:

- Toothbrush + Paste
- Mask + Latex Gloves
- Mini Hand Sanitizer
- Body Soap
- Deodorant
- Tissues
- Feminine Products

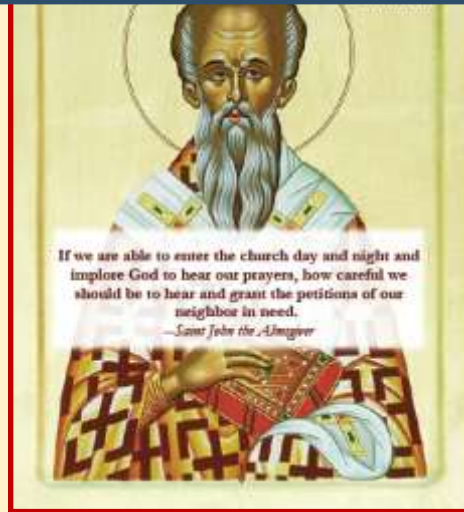


**HOPE**  
Humanitarian Outreach & Philanthropic Engagement

**Drop off assembled kits to St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church on Sundays from 9am –12pm.**

**This is an ongoing Metropolis Outreach Project**

## Parish Outreach



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- Cloth COVID-19 mask
- 1 winter item (hat, gloves, scarf, etc.)
- 1 long-under wear set
- 2 pairs of single-use warmers (foot and body)
- 1 pair of white tube socks
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 tube of toothpaste
- 1 comb
- 6 Band-Aids
- 3 antimicrobial hand wipes
- 1 bottle of water
- 1 granola bar
- 1 gift card (Jewel \$10)

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### **Ladies Philoptochos requests your donations of breakfast foods for Chicago's Lakeview Pantry.**



- Cereal - Cold or hot any flavor any brand
- Breakfast Cereal Bars
- Shelf-stable juice

The economic downturn caused by the pandemic has forced many people to turn to Lakeview Pantry who never imagined they would have to seek help to feed their family. Thank you to our generous parishioners and friends who for more than ten years have been helping to feed the hungry who turn to

Lakeview Pantry.

### **Please bring your donation to the Church by Palm Sunday, April 25.**

For an easy way to donate food and have it delivered directly to the Church, consider ordering through Amazon. We have a link below to some food and juice items. The Church's Ship to Address is below. These items are suggestions only. Please feel free to order anything you would like. Or donate store bought items. All are welcome.

If you use The Amazon Smile program, St. Basil Church will receive 0.5% of your purchase price. Instructions for signing up for this important program are attached.



Ship To Address:  
St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church  
733 S. Ashland Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60607

**CLICK THE IMAGES BELOW TO ORDER FROM AMAZON**





Please join our  
**Philoptochos  
Blood Drive**



June 27, 2021 • St. George Greek Orthodox Church



**Blood Donors Are Needed!**

**Annunciation Cathedral Philoptochos Society**

is collaborating with

**Saint George of Chicago Philoptochos Society**

to host a Blood Drive at **St. George.**

Each donation helps save 3 people in medical necessity.

Vitalant Blood Bank requires 40 donors prior to scheduling this event. It is imperative that we meet the minimum required number of donors to make this event happen.

Please contact Dorothy Theodosis at 773-961-5732 or email her at [dot64@rcn.com](mailto:dot64@rcn.com).





St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church is using  
SIGN UP GENIUS

Please click on the Link  
[https://www.signupgenius.com/  
go/20f0a44abad28a6f85-divine](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a44abad28a6f85-divine)

To Sign Up to attend Divine Services  
**Reserve Your Spot Today!**

If a family member is unable to use Signup Genius, please call the Church Office and Vicky will help sign that individual up.

## Holy Week—Volunteers Needed

### CALLING ALL YOUNG LADIES

We need myrofores (myrrh bearing women) for Holy Friday Night

Please wear a white dress and see Jennifer Georgopouls if you are interested in participating. We will be socially distancing.



### CALLING ALL STRONG ARMS

We need volunteers to carry the Kouvouklion around the church on the evening of Holy Friday. Please participate in the honor of carrying the bier of our Lord Jesus Christ

<sup>S</sup> Please See Tony Frankos if you are interested in participating. We will be socially distancing.



### CALLING ALL FOREIGN LANGUAGE SPEAKERS

We need volunteers to read the Gospel in foreign languages during the Agape Vespers on Easter Sunday, May 2. Looking for a variety of languages...some examples below:

Spanish—Italian—Chinese—Tigrina  
Latin—Russian—Romanian—Swahili  
German—Arabic—Oromo—English  
French—Japanese—Amharic, and other  
languages welcome



Please contact Father Dimitri if you are interested in participating in this wonderful service.

## Holy Week — Liturgical Schedule



### **Saturday, April 24**

Saturday of Lazarus  
Orthros 8:30 a.m.  
Divine Liturgy 9:45 a.m.



### **Thursday, April 29**

Mystical Supper Liturgy  
Vespers Liturgy 6:30 a.m.  
The Passion Service  
Orthros 6:00 p.m.

### **Sunday, April 25**

Palm Sunday  
Orthros 8:15 a.m.  
Divine Liturgy 9:45 a.m.  
Holy Monday Orthros  
(Bridegroom Service)  
Orthros 6:00 p.m.



### **Friday, April 30**

The Royal Hours  
Hours Service 9:00 a.m.  
The Apokatheilosis  
(Removal from the Cross)  
Vespers 3:00 p.m.  
The Lamentations  
Orthros 7:00 p.m.



### **Monday, April 26**

Holy Tuesday Orthros  
(Bridegroom Service)  
Orthros 6:00 p.m.



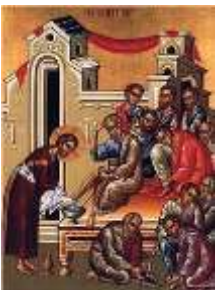
### **Tuesday, April 27**

Holy Tuesday Orthros  
(Bridegroom Service)  
Orthros 6:00 p.m.



### **Wednesday, April 28**

Uction Ευχέλιον Service  
Uction 3:00 p.m.  
Holy Thursday Orthros  
(with Uction)  
Orthros 6:00 p.m.



### **Saturday, May 1**

The Protianastasi  
(Little Resurrection)  
Vespers Liturgy 9:00 a.m.  
The Orthros of the Resurrection  
Orthros 11:00 p.m.

### **Sunday, May 2**

The Resurrection  
Come Receive the Light 12:00 a.m.  
Divine Liturgy 12:30 a.m.  
The Agape Vespers 12:00 p.m.



# Calendar for the Weeks Ahead

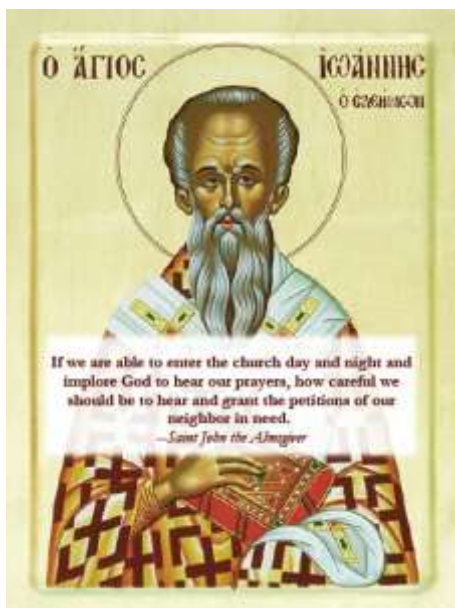
- **Sunday, April 11, 8:15am - Orthros & Divine Liturgy for Sunday of St. John Climacus**
  - Monday, April 12, 6:00pm - Great Compline
  - Tuesday, April 13, 9:00pm - Philoptochos Meeting
  - Wednesday, April 14, 5:30pm - Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts
  - Wednesday, April 14, 6:30pm - Online Adult Religious Education Class
  - Friday, April 16, 6:30am - Early Morning Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts
  - Friday, April 16, 6:00pm - The Akathist Hymn
- **Saturday April 17, 8:30am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Fifth Saturday of Lent**
- **Sunday, April 18, 8:15am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt**
  - Saturday April 24, 8:30am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday

## Parish News and Events

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### We need your help - You Might be Missing Out

We have started a weekly St. Basil E-Bulletin - which goes out early each week and for some of you, this email is going into "spam" or "trash". Please take a look at your spam and trash files and if you see it there, with most servers there's a button you can push to stop it's going into trash/spam. Or, enter [stbasilchicago@comcast.net](mailto:stbasilchicago@comcast.net) into your email contacts list. Thanks!

**Books for Prisoners** - Many inmates with whom we correspond through the prison ministry request books to read. Topics include self-help, vocational training, orthodoxy, history, and fiction. If you can make a small donation to defray the cost of purchasing and sending books, please see Vicky in the church office. Any size donation is appreciated.

### Stewardship - Have You Become A Steward For 2021?

If not, know that everything we have is God's and we are just managers during this brief life. Become a steward today. "He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God" (2 Cor. 9:10-11).

**IMPORTANT:** Our parish's COVID-19 committee requires all donations be only new items in unopened packages. Also, no other types of clothing will be accepted at this time. Please use the donation box on the table at the Ashland and Polk entrance. Don't take them into Philoptochos Hall or upstairs.

## St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri 6:30 am Early Morning Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts 6:00 pm Salutations to Theotokos	<b>3</b> 8:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Third Saturday of Lent
<b>4</b> 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Sunday of the Holy Cross	<b>5</b> 6:00 pm Great Compline 7:00 pm Parish Council	<b>6</b> 10:00 am Bible Study	<b>7</b> 5:30 pm Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts 6:30 pm Online A.R.E. Class	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 6:30 am Dimitri Early Morning Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts 6:00 pm Salutations to Theotokos	<b>10</b> 8:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Fourth Saturday of Lent
<b>11</b> 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Sunday of St. John Climacus	<b>12</b> 6:00 pm Great Compline	<b>13</b> 7:00 pm Philoptochos ZOOM Meeting	<b>14</b> 5:30 pm Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts 6:30 pm Online A.R.E. Class	<b>15</b> Tax Day	<b>16</b> 6:30 am Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri Early Morning Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts 6:00 pm The Akathist Hymn	<b>17</b> 8:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Fifth Saturday of Lent: The Akathist Hymn
<b>18</b> 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri	<b>24</b> 8:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday
<b>25</b> 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Palm Sunday	<b>26</b> 6:00 pm Holy Monday Night - Orthros of Holy Tuesday Bridegroom Service Monday Night	<b>27</b> 6:00 pm Holy Tuesday Night - Orthros of Holy Wednesday Bridegroom Service Tuesday Night with Hymn of St. Kassiani	<b>28</b> 3:00 pm Holy Unction 6:00 pm Holy Wednesday Night - Orthros of Holy Thursday	<b>29</b> 6:30 am Vespers Liturgy of the Mystical Supper 6:00 pm Holy Thursday Night - Orthros of Holy Friday - The Passion Reading of the 12 Gospel	<b>30</b> 9:00 am Royal Hours of Holy Friday 3:00 pm Vespers of Holy Friday 7:00 pm The Unailing Holy Friday Night - Orthros of Holy Saturday - The Lamentations	<b>1</b> 9:00 am Vespers Liturgy of the Proti-Anastasi Service of Preparation 11:45 pm Come Receive the Light!



## Matthew 25:35-36 - The Last Judgment



**For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink:**

Please donate food for the needy.

**I was a stranger, and you took me in:**

Please welcome our Catechumens and Guests

**Naked, and you clothed me:**

Please consider donating clothes to the local shelter.

**I was sick, and you visited me:**

Please pray for the speedy recovery of: Nicholas, Anthony, Aphrodite

**I was in prison, and you came unto me:**

**Please pray for:** Alan, Alfredo, Andrew, Anthony, Arthur, Bryant, Calvin, Choice, Clarence, Coery, Darron, David, Deshaun, Devon, Dolen, Donald, Eddie, Eddie, Edwin, Eugene, Freddie, Henry, James, James, Jerry, Jerry, John, Jose, Joseph, Karl, Kerwinn, Lakeisha, Lendie, Mario, Michael, Michael, Monte, Parrish, Patrice, Ralph, Robert, Robert, Roberto, Ryan, Scott, Patrick Michael, Seneca, Shawn, Terrell, Timothy, Wendell, Willie

Please pray for and consider visiting our shut-ins. Please also see Pat Cole to see about writing Letters to those Incarcerated through our prison ministry. It means the world to them to receive love.

### VISITATION POLICY

If you would like Fr. Dimitri to visit you in the hospital, please call him or have a family member call. Fr. Dimitri will not go unless he is asked by the family. This is in compliance with both HIPAA and patient privacy.



ORTHODOX OBSERVER

If You are not receiving the Observer, please contact the Church Office.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

### St. Basil Stewardship Facts: State of the Parish

Operational Expenses  
\$317,700 (860 per day 2021)

Stewards Pledged at St. Basil  
112 of goal of 190

Dollar Amount Pledged  
\$176,859.00

Dollar Amount Collected  
\$76,235.00

Average Pledge  
\$1579

**Remember this: The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously. Each person should do as he has decided in his heart—not reluctantly or out of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver. – 2 Corinthians 9:6-7**

Percent of Stewards engaged in a Ministry of St. Basil  
**78 out of 112 (67.92%)**



As a service to our parishioners who are unable to physically attend Divine Services at St. Basil, a Live Stream of the Services can be found on the Church Facebook Page.



Download the APP DIGITAL CHANT STAND by AGES Initiatives

To follow along during Orthros, Liturgy, Vespers, and Holy Week Services right on your smart device